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LARGEST CIRCULATION

IN BOONE COUNTY.

THE RIVER AND THE CENSUS

A Kansas City newspaper recently printed a story about the decrease in the population of a neighboring county which lost 3,400 inhabitants in the last ten years. A citizens of this county is quoted as saying that the decrease is due to bad roads which caused small farming to become unprofitable and hence the small farmer had sold out to the larger one and moved away. This is the cause as he sees it of the decrease in the population of the county.

His opinions may be partly true, but there is another cause that he did not mention. The county under consideration is bordered on the south by the Missouri River and its soil is rapidly being washed to the other side. The process has become decidedly noticeable during the last decade. The inhabitants of one fertile and thickly settled neighborhood have been leaving it because of the fear they had of their land being washed away. The roads in this part of the county are good and yet the inhabitants have been leaving.

"It isn't pleasant," said one of them this summer, "to lie awake at night and hear chunks of your farm or the one next to it, falling into the Missouri River." The inhabitants who sell their farms usually move to Oklahoma or Texas because they can get land cheaper there.

Another reason for many leaving the county during the last ten years is due to the floods of the Missouri River. The citizen quoted in the Kansas City Star said that better roads would solve the problem, but the problem will probably never be solved satisfactorily before the Missouri River adopts a milder system of conduct.

FOR THE GOLDEN MEAN

College men and women are inclined to be active in either of two ways. The great number of students who are really doing things, who are getting the most of college life, are prominent either as scholars or as leaders in college activities. One may be a "grind" and be prominent, or choosing a vastly different course to pursue, he may be a leader in things about the campus.

In the one case, he neglects the development of his social instinct and nature; in the other, he neglects his intellectual opportunities. Either course is wrong. Man can be of greatest service to society, he can be most valuable as a citizen, by participation in undertakings about him. He can only be of greatest use in any community, having the broadest knowledge and intelligence to battle with its problems.

He must early strike the right balance. A Columbia factory superintendent, who has lived four years in the city, chooses to stay here though offered good inducements to establish a factory elsewhere. This fact should insure him the support of Columbia's public spirited citizens. He has paid Columbia a compliment and she will presently have an opportunity to return it.

The light and water system in Columbia is perfect. October 12 was a holiday and it refused to work.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The publicity given some of the constitutional amendments has caused others to seem enveloped in shadow. Some of them are more important than others and therefore deserve more publicity. The others deserve more support than they have been given. The first constitutional amendment provides for a measure that should appeal to every voter who appreciates law and order. It follows in full:

First Constitutional Amendment.

Joint and concurrent resolution submitted to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri amendment to section 47 of article IV of the Constitution of state of Missouri.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri:

That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, 1910, the following amendment to section 47 of article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, concerning the relief of members of the police department in cities having 100,000 inhabitants or more, who have become disabled in the public service by casualty, disease, or age, from rendering full service in their respective departments, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state, to-wit:

Section 1. That section 47 of article IV be amended by adding thereto the following words, to-wit: And provided further, that this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the general assembly from providing by law in cities having over 100,000 inhabitants for a system of pensions for members of the police force in such cities, who become disabled in the police service by casualty, disease, or age from rendering full service in their respective positions, and providing such pensions shall only be continued during said disability, and that policemen so pensioned shall be required as a condition thereof to be members of a reserve force in their respective departments, and to render such emergency service therein when required as their respective disabilities may permit. The fund for such purposes to be appropriated, as provided by the general assembly, from the municipal revenues of such cities.

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." The members of the police departments are the soldiers of peace. The importance of their work loses none of its weight when placed alongside that of the work of soldiers. In this age when peace is rapidly becoming more nearly universal, soldiers of peace are more to be honored than soldiers of war. Our laws provide for pensions for soldiers who have been disabled in service. There is even more reason why members of the police department should be pensioned when disabled in the public service.

The amendment, to be carried, must have a majority of all the votes cast upon it. In its operation, however, it affects only St. Louis and Kansas City.

A valedictory in seven words has been presented to the New York legislature by the retiring governor, Charles E. Hughes. It was a rare example of simple directness.

VIEWPOINTS

(The University Missourian invites contributions on matters of University and Columbia interest. The name of the contributor should accompany each letter, but will not be printed unless desired.)

The Prize in English.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: Permit me to correct an error that has slipped into your announcement of the Stevenson prize in freshman English. The prize is not restricted to the first semester but will be awarded at the end of the year, and students of both semesters will be eligible. The books were secured through special arrangement with the publishers and the Co-operative Store. No provision has been made for a permanent prize to take the place of the Funk and Wagnalls fiasco. I could wish that some friend of Missouri might be induced to offer a prize comparable in dignity to the Field prize in poetry. The encouragement of poetry "in these uneventful times" is a worthy object indeed; but it should not obscure the infinitely greater need, in Missouri, of intelligible prose.

R. D. MILLER.

Missouri Students, Wake Up!

For pity's sake, you students of the University, get awake and realize that our team will have a hard fight to beat Iowa and Kansas, much less to win the valley championship. Flashed with victory as we are after the long-to-be-remembered showing of 1909, we are too apt to be indifferent and a trifle overconfident.

Kansas has a speedy team, averaging seven pounds to the man heavier than the Tigers. New, heavy and experienced men—a few more than 200 pounds—are coming out every day at K. U., and without doubt they are getting together a speedy football machine. Iowa, too, is considered by many authorities, to have a better chance than any team in the valley to win the championship. It's up to the students to support the team and to do like Royer said—"see that they train. Yell your best at all the games even when the team is losing."

And you big fellows, who weigh 170 to 200 pounds should come out for the team although you never had a football in your hands before. We must realize what a serious matter this is. MISSOURI SPIRIT.

Play Fair.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: It is to be hoped that the University of Missouri will play fair in its football, even if the reward is defeat. It has been said that one of Missouri's rival in the Missouri Valley Conference sent a spy to Columbia last week to watch practice. It is also said that this spy saw practice three or four days.

A university which will permit such methods as this in athletics isn't playing fair. It is the same proposition as in a card game if a player takes advantage of an opportunity to look at his opponent's hand.

When the Tigers play against another team it is the privilege of anyone to see them. But when they are simply practicing no one, save students here and supporters should be onlookers.

It is taking an unfair advantage when a representative of one team goes to see the practice of another and steals a knowledge of its plans and plays. May the University of Missouri never resort to such methods to win a football game—or any other contest.

Advocates Removing Hats.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: In many colleges it is the custom for men to remove their hats when they enter the buildings. This is not only true of co-educational institutions, but is also the case in many men's colleges. In these schools it is considered almost a sacrilege for a student to even walk through the corridors with his hat on. Why should not this be made a custom at the University of Missouri as well as at other universities?

JUNIOR.

The Plain Speakers

I hate the trodden paths and well-worn ways

Which Mankind's swarming multitudes e'er throng;

Antiquity does gild vile law or song

For these who bask in light of other days.

The fool's life-course is lighted by the rays.

Of him who went before; he goes not wrong.

'Tis true, nor can he bare new worlds while long

Th' astounded earth, the sneering nations praise.

Like other common barks then should I steer

O'er much churned waters on a common trip,

And hug the well-known shore—still custom's slave?

God is my pilot, I have naught to fear,

Into th' untraversed waste I twist my ship.

Ho for America or an unknown grave!

She (coolly): "Why, Charles, I see you are a woman-hater."

He (brutally): "You mean a fool-hater."

The thoughts that throng my swelling breast,

The songs that ring within my ear,

In chosen phrase when duly drest

How weak, how worthless they appear.

A cynic is a chap to be pitied. He sees too much—or is it too little?

There is too much falseness with us. Our "small talk" consists mostly of petty lies. We are continually posing; our first thought is what would the other fellow say, not what is right but what does every Tom, Dick, and Harry say is right. Powder, padding and puffs make up our beauty. God help us all.

CHARLES REZNIKOFF.

A nice variety of fish at Hetzler's.

The Seventh Column

Brutus had just accused Cassius of having an itching palm, and of selling state secrets.

"Well, anyhow," he said, "I can't be accused of spying on Missouri and selling her signals to Kansas."

And they walked off arm in arm, whistling "For He's a College Boy."

A little bit of cussing.

Makes a coach a hero,

And a mighty team.

Napoleon cried out to his generals that in his vocabulary there was no such word as fail. And then he smiled.

"What a fine thing it would be," he said, "if college profs would only adopt my vocabulary."

Thus we see that even the great men are familiar with the big word in a college professor's vocabulary.

"Why do those fellows wear their soldier suits all the time," asked the inquisitive freshman.

"Because, my dear," answered the senior co-ed? "they think they suit the girls."

(This is not intended for the Foolish Question No. 10000000001 column, nor is the pun intentional; it is criminal.)

Si Hawkins, property man for the Bingville Opey House was told by the manager of the "Katy, the Canning Kitchen Mechanic Co." to get a red hall tree as one of the "props" for the show.

"I looked all over the dad blamed woods, and finally found that 'ere red hall tree," says Si. "I brought her in, and by gum if the dern fool didn't give me a cussing, and say he meant a red hat fack."—From the Bingville Tornado.

Lament of Coach Hollenback

(With apologies to Mr. Coleridge.)

And all can tip the beam,

Players, players, everywhere.

Why don't they come out for the team.

"And you, Jack Dalton, never darken my door again," cried the beautiful heroine. And the villain, the coal man, promised he would ring the bell instead of knocking with the flat of his hand.

Our Own Fistic Hall of Fame.

The Heavy Weight Champion—The president of the Iron Trust.

The Light Weight Champion—The Gas Man.

The Feather Weight Champion—The Head of a Pillow Factory.

Chorus of Undergrads.

Breathes there a "stude" with soul so dead,

Who, when the referee strides ahead,

And "Penalty fifteen yards" does yell,

Does not inwardly breathe "O, Fudge."

The composer of this poem realized too late that the rhyming word for the last of the verse is barred. He asks the leniency of poetic license as an excuse for the lack of a rhyme there. He suggests the reading of Sherman's definition of war to find a word that will rhyme with "yell."

V. J.

In and About Missouri

The reclamation work being done in Southeast Missouri has almost destroyed one of the curiosities of that country. This was a swamp known as the "nigger wool swamp." It received this name on account of the peculiarity of the moss which covered the ground.

The largest county in Missouri has the same name as the largest state in the United States, and its county seat has the name of one of the largest cities of the largest state. This is Texas county whose county seat is Houston. This county boasts of having one of the most unique industries in the state, the raising of ginseng, a herb which is used by the Chinese as a panacea for all ills. Ginseng finds a market only in China where its roots sell for \$7 per pound.

Golden City believes that it has discovered a gasoline well. More than seventy-five gallons of what is thought to be gasoline has been taken from the well and the flow is still going on. Visions of oil wells are said to be rising before the eyes of the people of Golden City.

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The Missourian is making a special rate of \$2.00 for the school year to all students. The paper will be mailed to your home folks or delivered to any part of Columbia.

History of the Savitar

Savitar is the Sun-God of the Rig Veda. He is the golden eyed God (in Hindu legend) who sees all things and notes all the good and evil deeds of men. His power is irresistible. Age cannot touch him. Nothing can withstand his will.

In 1894 H. T. Cory, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Missouri, suggested to the members of the junior class that they issue an annual publication. Acting upon this suggestion a staff of editors was chosen by the class, L. J. Marshall was chosen editor, T. R. Fowler assistant editor and H. H. Ruthertford business manager. The first book was issued in the spring of 1895.

There have been sixteen Savitars published at the University of Missouri. These sixteen books are perhaps the best illustrations that can be found today that show the growth and development of the University. The growth is shown in the Savitar itself but more distinctly in the subject matter of these books.

The first Savitar contained 160 pages. It was published by E. W. Stephens and was sold for \$1.50 a copy. There were but few pages of advertising in the book and they were chiefly of schools and colleges.

The first Savitar and many of the early ones contained the names of all the students and all the Alumni of the University. There were but few pictures as compared with the books of the last five years. There were but eight students taking post graduate work, according to the 1895 Savitar. In the College of Agriculture there were but 25 students and five members in the faculty.

The School of Education at that time was called the Normal department. The College of Agriculture, Mechanic Arts and Engineering was under the direction of Dean H. J. Waters, now president of Kansas State Agricultural College. The first Savitar contained a detailed story of the burning of the University in 1892, written by George Armstrong Wauchope. The book was dedicated to the students who were instrumental in getting it out.

A picture of the Tiger football team shows three members had mustaches. All of the players looked older than the players of today. In fact the pictures of students all the way through shows older men and women attending the University. All one need do is look at the pictures of the general run of students then and now.

Another most noticeable feature in the first Savitars was the dress of the students. The men wore dress suits, high silk hats and queer oldish looking clothes. Perhaps the clothes are partly responsible for making it appear that the students were older. The clothes worn by women are also interesting—so are the women. One could hardly say "girls" after looking at the pictures.

The second Savitar was edited by Morton H. Pemberton, now representative from Boone county in the state legislature. The book was dedicated to Eugene Field who had died that year. There was a sketch of the life of Field with many pictures of the poet, some of him as a student in the University. Also, there was a letter from Field giving a brief outline of his life. The book also had many of Field's poems—nearly all of his best ones.

The University was referred to always in the early books as Missouri State University. The pictures of the members of the faculty are also very interesting. Many of the members of the faculty are still here. Many of them would be hard to recognize now either from the removal of facial growth or else the changing of the styles in that line. Many have acquired those growths in later years.

The football team of 1895 was called "The Invincibles of '95." A record of all the games played up to that time was in the Savitar. Literary societies were very prominent and much space was devoted to their activities. There were many literary productions in the books also.

The football yells and songs of the University were far different from those now in use. None of the present day songs are contained in the old books and none of the old songs in the books of the last few years. As an example of the yells the following were taken from the Savitar of 1896.

"Who are we? Who are we?
We are the push from Missouri.
We are the stuff. That's no bluff.
We play football and never get enough."

"Ray! Ray! Ray!

Whoop! Whoop! Whoop!

Did you see the Tigers?

Put Kansas in the soup?

The "Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk" yell was then in vogue at Kansas as shown in the football cartoons.

The baseball team was first pictured in 1896 and seemed to be coming into popularity as was the Glee Club. The Savitar of 1898 was dedi-

cated to the class of '99. In it were the first "roasts" upon students and the first pictures of the seniors. There were pictures of seniors in cap and gown. An evolution of the uniform of football players can be seen in the pictures also can the fact that the players are younger men.

The first calendar of events was published in 1898. In this Savitar there is a picture of the University Pipe Club and the University Chess Club.

Many other clubs and organizations mark the term of their existence in the annals of the Savitar. Some of these clubs, especially the literary clubs still exist but not in the strenuous fashion they showed in the old days. The life of some of the fraternities and honor societies is easily traced through a perusal of Savitar history.

The Savitar of 1899 is dedicated to the University of Missouri students who went to the Spanish-American war. Company I of the Fifth Missouri volunteers was made up of University boys. The tone of the Savitar for that year is all military. In all the pictures military uniforms are predominant and there are pictures of all of the companies of the cadet corps. A letter from one of the boys who went with Company I tells the story of the soldier life they led.

The Savitar of 1900 was dedicated to William Lewis Parker, founder of the Parker Memorial Hospital. In this book the color pages first appear. There is an improvement in the engravings and the pictures and roasts are more cleverly handled. In the section devoted to University sports is the account of a boating club then in existence here. Where they rowed their boats it does not tell. There is also an account of a fight in the University auditorium between the law and academic students.

The 1901 Savitar was dedicated to Dr. Abram Litton. One of the features of this book is an account of a football game between the faculty of the engineering department and the students. In 1902 the Savitar was dedicated to Senator George Graham Vest and had a letter reproduced that Senator Vest wrote to the editors. A new department in the roasts was made in which they gave the principle fault and principle virtue of each person roasted. This book was bound in old gold burlap. There were individual pictures of the members of the football team.

In 1904 the newer class of Savitars started. This book was dedicated "To the New Missouri Spirit" which was evidently as marked as the new spirit of last year. The Savitar was replete with poetry. The business manager of that Savitar, C. G. Ross is now an assistant professor in the School of Journalism. It was probably he contributed most of the poetic inspiration to the book.

The 1905 Savitar was dedicated to David R. Francis who it described as "The greatest living Missourian." The Savitar of 1908 was dedicated to Mark Twain. The 1907 book was dedicated to former President Jesse. In 1909 the Savitar was dedicated to President Hill. The book gotten out last spring was dedicated to all who loved the University and football and who prayed or swore or yelled or played with the team during the game last Thanksgiving.

The 1909 Savitar was another epoch making book for it was of the newest type. It was edited by Walter Stemmons now doing newspaper work in Joplin. Another Savitar editor-in-chief was Walter Stewart now an instructor in economics at the University of Missouri. Mr. Stewart also drifted into journalism for a time.

The editor-in-chief of the Savitar last year, Francis Stewart, will take his degree in Journalism next spring. One of the associate editors of last year's Savitar, Warren Griffin, is working as a reporter on the Kansas City Star. This would seem to indicate that there is a fascination in the work of the Savitar that leads into wanting to continue dabbling with printers' ink.

The members of the Savitar staff are elected by the sophomores just before the end of their year. Each school or college is entitled to one representative. The College of Arts and Science has two.

There is a file of all Savitars in the State Historical Library. Several of the members of the faculty and some alumni also have complete files. They are very scarce, however.

JOHN F. WILLIAMS.

You may get a \$300 lot free if you buy your groceries at Wise's Cash Grocery.

Philological Association to Meet.

The Philological Association will meet in room 33, Academic Hall, at 8 o'clock tonight. The subject is "A Recent Gothic Find," and the speaker will be Prof. H. B. Almstedt.

Harness repairing done at F. B. Tully's.

Smoke "The Columbia" 5-cent cigar.